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news release

REPRESENTATIVE DE LA GARZA ANNOUNCES INCLUSION OF U S HIGHWAYS 281, 77, AND 83 IN NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM BILL

For Immediate Release: 17 November 1995

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Representative Kika de la Garza announces the inclusion of federal dollars for the upgrade of U S Highways 281, 77 and 83 in the National Highway System bill which is expected to be passed by the Congress today or sometime over the weekend.

The compromise bill designates a new National Highway System of 161,000 miles made up of the Interstate System and other vital highways, including U S Highways 281, 77 and 83 in South Texas.

"Enactment of the new National Highway System is important to South Texas because it adds several hundred miles of highway with a direct link to the U S-Mexico border to the system. It is perhaps the most dramatic highway development to occur since the Interstate System was established in 1956," Rep de la Garza said.

The National Highway System bill also contains other significant provisions. All federal speed limits would be eliminated in favor of state laws. States would no longer be penalized for failure to pass motorcycle helmet laws. Additionally, metric sign requirements and requirements that states use recycled rubber crumbs in their highways would be repealed.

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